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Applicants : Ruey J. Yu *et al.*
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Docket No. : 59210.000052
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2007, the period for response being extended two (2) additional months by virtue of the attached petition and fee, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group 1, claims 111-121, 149-154, and 159-161, drawn to compositions comprising an aldobionic acid. Applicants further elect the following species with traverse, retinoic acid for the topically active agent, ammonium hydroxide for the inorganic alkali, N-methylglucamine for the organic alkali, and arginine for the amphoteric substance.

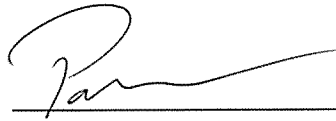
Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the method claims, upon allowance of the elected composition claims, provided that applicant revises the method claims to depend from or otherwise contain all of the limitations of the composition claims.

CONCLUSION

No additional fee is believed to be required for entry and consideration of this response. Nevertheless, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requires any additional fee to enter this response or to maintain the instant application pending, please charge such fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Respectfully submitted,

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